

# Caltrans Update

## Fresno Council of Governments

*"Caltrans improves mobility across California"*

### CALIFORNIA RANKED AS ONE OF THE TOP BIKE FRIENDLY STATES IN THE NATION



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On the first day of May, National Bike Month, the League of American Cyclists released its 2014 Bicycle Friendly State ranking.

For the seventh year in a row, Washington continues to lead the nation, but states like Utah, Minnesota, and California moved up the ranking in 2014, shaking up the top 10.

"We're excited and encouraged to see real progress in states like California, Minnesota and Utah," said League President, Andy Clarke. "Overall, we still see a lot of opportunity to realize the huge potential of bicycling to promote health, economic development, and quality of life in all 50 states."

The 2014 Bicycle Friendly State ranking is

now even more comprehensive, capturing more information than ever before and delving more deeply into the issues embedded in becoming a more bicycle friendly state. The ranking now also incorporates a point system out of 100, providing even better context for the ranking.

Rising from 38 to 54 points in 2014, California jumped 10 spots to #9 in the ranking, thanks to notable progress in legislation, funding and policy that will make it easier to build bike lanes and mandate drivers give cyclists three-feet of space when they pass.

"Better bikeways depend on two things: the right designs and enough funding to build them. California

is getting better on both fronts," said Dave Snyder, executive director of the California Bicycle Coalition.

"Caltrans has been updating its design manuals -- in fact it just endorsed the NACTO Urban Bikeways Design Guide -- and spending on biking and walking increased by 30% over 2012 levels"

"Our jump to one of the top ten states reflects Caltrans' commitment toward more bike friendly communities," said California Department of Transportation Director Malcolm Dougherty. "We plan to continue our success by working with our local partners to infuse about \$360 million into biking and other active trans-

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# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE

# 2014 Ranking

Key: Percent of total points available attained by state



STATE	2014 Rank	2013 Rank	Points out of 100		Scoring Criteria				
			2014 Points	2013 Points	Legislation & Enforcement	Policies & Programs	Infrastructure & Funding	Education & Encouragement	Evaluation & Planning
Washington	1	1	66.8	66.2	80-100%	60-80%	40-60%	20-40%	0-20%
Minnesota	2	4	62.0	56.6	80-100%	60-80%	40-60%	20-40%	0-20%
Wisconsin	3	8	56.9	52.1	80-100%	60-80%	40-60%	20-40%	0-20%
Delaware	4	5	55.7	53.9	80-100%	60-80%	40-60%	20-40%	0-20%
Oregon	5	3	55.2	57.7	80-100%	60-80%	40-60%	20-40%	0-20%
Colorado	6	2	54.1	60.7	80-100%	60-80%	40-60%	20-40%	0-20%
Maryland	7	11	53.8	50.5	80-100%	60-80%	40-60%	20-40%	0-20%
Utah	8	14	53.72	43.1	80-100%	60-80%	40-60%	20-40%	0-20%
California	9	19	53.68	37.6	80-100%	60-80%	40-60%	20-40%	0-20%
Massachusetts	10	6	53.66	53.7	80-100%	60-80%	40-60%	20-40%	0-20%

portation projects over the next three years."

Utah also made a move up the ranks, declaring 2013 the "Year of the Bike" and making good on that promise with wide collaboration among advocates and agencies and the passage of key legislation, including a measure that would increase penalties for motorists who injure or kill bicyclists.

"The willingness to collaborate by state and local agencies is fostering improvements at a record pace in all areas of the state," said Evelyn Tuddenham,

the state's Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator. "In the past three years, Utah has improved conditions and built programs that address active transportation, as state and local government staff and leaders have joined with advocates to share ideas, solve problems and move efforts forward."

In the upper Midwest, Minnesota rose in the ranking to #2, thanks to innovative mapping efforts, new bike-friendly legislation and increased funding for Safe Routes to School and bike routes.

"This year's Bicycle Friendly State ranking is a great acknowledgement of the dedication and commitment of our many agency partners, advocates and bicyclists from across the state," said Tim Mitchell, the state's Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator.

The BFS program is more than an annual assessment. Throughout the year, League staff will work actively with state officials and advocacy leaders to help identify and implement the programs, policies and campaigns that will improve conditions for bicyclists.

## CALIFORNIA RANKED AS ONE OF THE TOP BIKE FRIENDLY STATES IN THE NATION, CONT.

### *How does your state rank?*

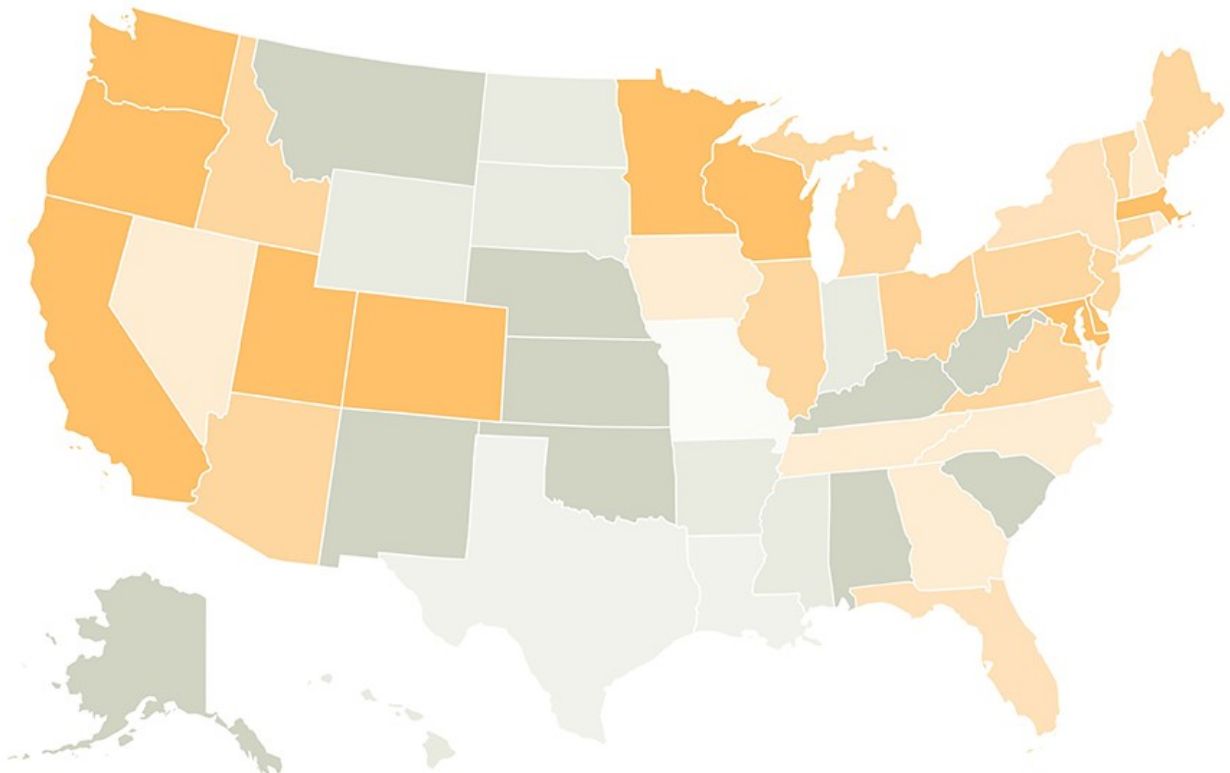
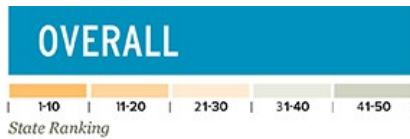
View 2014 rankings: <http://bikeleague.org/content/ranking>

View state maps and category scores: <http://bikeleague.org/content/categories-and-maps>

View California's Report Card: [http://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/BFS2014\\_California.pdf](http://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/BFS2014_California.pdf)

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## California Transportation Commission Allocates \$541 Million, Emphasizing “Fix-It First” Preservation and Effective Management

The California Transportation Commission has allocated \$1.3 billion in transportation funding, including \$541 million to implement California’s “fix it first” strategy for preserving and maintaining California’s 50,000 lane miles of highways.

“This investment will help preserve California’s existing transportation infrastructure and implement our fix-it-first approach to the highway system,” said California State Transportation Agency Secretary Brian Kelly. “While there is always pressure to expand the state highway system, expansion must remain a second priority to investing in the management, preservation and efficient operation of our existing infrastructure.”

Among the \$541 million allocated, \$10 million comes from the remaining Proposition 1B funds, the bond act that voters approved in 2006. Proposition 1B authorized \$4.5 billion to improve performance on the state highway system and California leveraged another \$4.6 billion in federal, state and local funds while recapturing cost savings during construction. What started as a program of 54 projects programmed at \$9.1 billion grew to a program of 99 projects at \$11.7 billion, supporting more than 190,000 jobs and providing critical improvements to the state’s transportation system.

“This Administration has made sure every dollar counts when it comes to building California’s

transportation infrastructure,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty, “We are repairing aging freeways, making highways and bridges safer, and promoting bicycling and walking – and, those projects support and create jobs.”

As a result of these investments and a focus on maintenance and rehabilitation, Caltrans announced in March that the condition of the pavement on California’s highways is at its healthiest level in more than a decade. Nevertheless, California’s highways carry nearly 35 million vehicles annually, and maintenance needs far outpace dependable funding. Caltrans uses high-tech strategies, recycling, and innovative treatments to make pavement last longer, to stretch every dollar and to preserve the environment.

As the one-time funds from the 2006 transportation bond and 2009 Recovery Act run out, the Transportation Agency is working with stakeholders to develop funding priorities and long-term funding options to address California’s infrastructure needs. These are highlighted in the California Transportation Infrastructure Priorities: Vision and Interim Recommendations Report, which offers a vision for California’s transportation future.

Here are some significant projects in Caltrans District 6 that will help preserve and maintain California’s existing infrastructure assets:

**Fresno County:** \$1,045,000 – State Route 41 and State Route

180 in the city of Fresno; replace metal beam guardrail with concrete median barriers, add new concrete barriers, and upgrade curbs at six freeway ramp locations to reduce severity of traffic collisions and reduce exposure of maintenance personnel to highway traffic.

**Kern County:** \$2,653,000 – State Route 58 from Gaston Street to State Route 43. Widen shoulders and install rumble strips to reduce severity and frequency of traffic collisions and improve safety along 3.6 highway centerline miles.

**Kern County:** \$4,113,000 – State Route 223 from Old River Road to Vineland Road. Widen shoulders and install rumble strips to reduce severity and frequency of traffic collisions and improve safety along 12 highway centerline miles.

*For a copy of the California Transportation Infrastructure Priorities: Vision and Interim Recommendations Report, please see the following webpage:*

<http://www.calsta.ca.gov/res/docs/pdfs/2013/CTIP%20Vision%20and%20Interim%20Recommendations.pdf>

## UPDATE ON FRESNO COUNTY PROJECTS

**Fresno ITS Freeway Crossings:** Caltrans and the City of Fresno will design and construct an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) project to help synchronize traffic signals along freeway crossings. Funding : Minor A. Ready to List early 2015; advertise late 2021. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559) 243-3588.

**Fre/Mad Wire Theft:** In Fresno and Madera Counties at various locations. Funding: SHOPP. Project awarded on 11/19/2013. Construction contract approved December 9, 2013; in construction; end construction summer 2015. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559)243-3588.

**Panoche Overlay:** Pavement Rehabilitation on I-5 from south of the Panoche Road overcrossing to north of the Russell Road overcrossing. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list summer 2014; advertise fall 2014; begin construction end of 2014; complete construction summer 2015. Chris Gardner, Project Manager, (559) 243-3444.

**Jacalitos Creek Bridge:** Replace bridge on SR 33 near the City of Coalinga at Jacalitos Creek. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list summer 2014; advertise summer 2014; begin construction early 2015; end construction spring 2015. Suzie Holdridge, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**FRE 41 CAPM:** Pavement preservation on SR 41 north of the City of Lemoore from Harlan Avenue to Elkhorn Avenue. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list summer 2014; advertise summer 2014; begin construction end of 2014; complete construction early 2015. Suzie Holdridge, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**Ventura Viaduct Deck Seal:** On SR 41, near Fresno, 1.3 miles north of the SR 41/99 Separation. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to List spring 2014; advertise summer 2014; end construction late 2015. Chris Gardner, Project Manager, (559) 243-3444.

**180 Westbound Ramp Barrier:** Replace existing right side metal beam guard rail with concrete barrier on southbound SR 41 to the westbound SR 180 interchange ramp in the City of Fresno. Funding: SHOPP. Begin construction spring 2014; complete construction fall 2014. Earle Jones, Project Manager, (559) 243-3471.

**Ramp Improvement at SR41 at various locations and at SR180:** Install concrete barriers on SR 41 and SR 180 at ramps at Abby Avenue, McKinley Avenue, Shields Avenue, Shaw Avenue, Herndon Avenue, and Friant Avenue in the City of Fresno. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list achieved January 30, 2014; advertised spring 2014; award contract summer 2014; begin construction late summer 2014;

complete construction summer 2015. Judy Aguilar-Luna, Project Manager, (559) 243-3457.

**Ramp Meter Replacement Planting:** Replacement planting on SR 41 between Ashlan Avenue overcrossing to Herndon Avenue undercrossing in the City of Fresno. Funding: SHOPP. In construction and on schedule; complete construction summer 2016. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559) 243-3588.

**Olive Avenue Signals:** At SR 99/Olive on- and off-ramps in the City of Fresno; ramp metering included. Funding Minor A. CTC approved funding June 2010. Advertise summer 2014; complete construction early 2016. Steven Milton, Project Manager, (559) 243-3451.

**San Joaquin River 6-Lane:** Replace the SR 99/San Joaquin River bridge and widen SR 99 from Grantland Avenue overcrossing in the City of Fresno to north of the Avenue 7 overcrossing in Madera County. Funding: Prop 1B Bond. In construction; construction complete summer 2016. The contractor has shifted traffic to the new southbound bridge and will begin demolition of the old northbound bridge. The mainline lanes shift as work continues. Jim Bane, Project Manager, (559) 243-3469.

**Veterans Blvd. Interchange:** New interchange on SR 99 between

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Herndon Avenue and Shaw Avenue on Veterans Boulevard in the City of Fresno. Funding: Measure, local. Project design progressing. Begin construction 2016, pending funding approval. Jim Bane (559) 243-3469.

**Kerman Roundabout SR 145/Jensen:** SR 145 at Jensen Avenue in the City of Kerman. Funding: SHOPP. Construction to start summer 2014; end construction fall 2014. Suzie Holdridge, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**Fre 168/180 Wire Theft:** In Fresno and Madera Counties at various locations. Funding: SHOPP. Project awarded on 11/19/2013. Construction contract approved December 9, 2013; in construction; end construction summer 2015. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559)243-3588.

**168 Median Barrier:** Construct median barrier on SR 168 in the City of Clovis between the Herndon Avenue undercrossing to the Clovis Avenue undercrossing. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list spring 2015. Suzie Holdridge, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**Prather Curve Correction:** Realign the curve on SR 168 and Auberry Road near the community of Prather. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list fall 2014; advertise fall 2014; begin construction end of

2015. Suzie Holdridge, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**Munger Point Enhancement:** Enhance Maynard Munger vista point on SR 168 east of the community of Prather. Funding: STIP, TE. Project advertised in February but not yet awarded; waiting for supplemental funds; should award in July; end construction summer 2015. Suzie Holdridge, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**180 West Freeway Landscape:** Highway planning on SR 180 in and near the City of Fresno from west of Brawley Avenue to Teilmann Avenue. Funding: STIP. Ready to list summer 2015; end construction fall 2020. Chris Gardner, Project Manager, (559) 243-3444.

**180 Braided Ramps Landscaping Project:** Freeway landscaping in the City of Fresno from west of the Route 180S/Route 41 separation to east of the Peach Avenue overcrossing. Funding: Measure. Ready to list fall 2014. Neil Bretz, Project Manager, (559) 243-3465.

**180 Freeway Landscape :** Highway planting and install irrigation on SR 180 in the City of Fresno between west of Clovis Avenue overcrossing to east of Temperance Avenue. Funding: RIP. CTC approved funding March 2012. Contract approved in September 2012; in construction; end construction winter 2016. Due to drought conditions the planting

phase scheduled to start in May has been delayed to November of this year. Neil Bretz, Project Manager, (559) 243-3465.

**Kings Canyon Expressway Segment 2:** SR 180 from Academy Avenue to Smith Road near the community of Centerville. Funding: Measure, Prop 1B Bond. Project was awarded April 23, 2013; construction began August 2013; end construction spring 2015. Neil Bretz, Project Manager, (559) 243-3465.

**Kings Canyon Expressway Segment 3:** SR 180 from Smith Rd. to Alta Main Canal near the community of Centerville. Funding: RIP, Measure. Ready to list late 2014; advertise early 2015; award contract spring 2015; begin construction summer 2015 (pending funding availability). In design phase. Neil Bretz, Project Manager, (559) 243-3465.

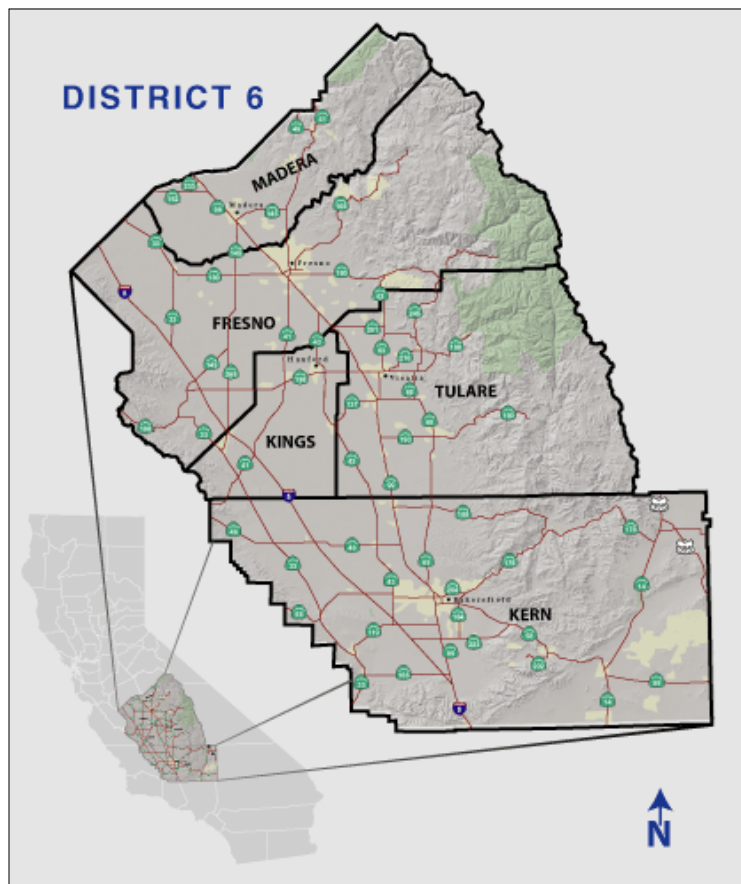
**Kings River Overflow Bridge Replacement:** Replace the Kings River overflow bridge on SR 180 northeast of the City of Sanger. Funding: SHOPP. Contract is currently under winter suspension. Anticipate commencement of construction activities in July 2014. Construction is expected to last 2 seasons. Hussein Senan, Project Manager, (559)243-3586.



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*Caltrans  
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*The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 6 is headquartered in Fresno. This geographically diverse district is the second largest of the 12 Districts statewide, stretching from the southernmost part of Yosemite National Park in the north to the Mojave Desert. It includes Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings and Kern counties. Interstate 5 and State Route 99 run the length of District 6, serving as the main north-south arteries for not just the Central Valley, but for the entire state as well.*



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